**TUITION FEE EXPLANATION**

The Tuition and Fee structure of the Lutheran schools in America is similar to all Religious schools and typically operates to some degree the same as the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee.

If you survey most of the public schools districts that surround Martin Luther High School you will discover that most school districts spend $15,000.00 per year to educate students. The national average in the USA is probably closer to $12,000.00 per student. Wisconsin currently boasts the highest ACT scores in the USA and has a top 5 rating for college acceptance and placement into the work force. The state of Wisconsin places a high premium on education and values what education does for the United States in helping to create citizens that contribute to the strength of society. All public schools receive tax dollars from every family in the district to support education. The top 5 school districts around Martin Luther, Greendale, Franklin, New Berlin, Oak Creek and Muskego all average $15,000.00 per student annually to provide education.

In the Lutheran system, especially in Milwaukee, which is why the LHSAGM is still the strongest in the USA, relies on 4 components to help fund the cost of education in both our grade schools and our high schools.

The Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee places the education rate per student at: **$15,200.00** annually. This is achieved by the following:

1. Tuition for Lutheran students is priced at and parents pay: $9,200.00
2. The Lutheran Church the student attends contributes: $2,000.00
3. The Alumni Office of the LHSAGM contributes the following from annual gifts: $2,000.00
4. Parents are expected to contribute support through Fundraising or Hours Served: $2,000.00

International families do not benefit from items 2 or 3 above nor do they contribute to item 4 above. Therefore, the rate for all international students, regardless of the program they come from, pay the following:

**TUITION and FEES STRUCTURE: $18,500.00**

* 1. Tuition $15,200.00
	2. School Lunch $1,000.00\*
	3. Travel Medical Insurance $800.00
	4. App/I-20/Tech/Skyward/Part $600.00
	5. Administration Fee $400.00
	6. ESL/ACT/TOEFL Support $500.00

**ADDITIONAL COSTS:**

1. Students must pay 100% of the fee required for ACT/TOEFL and other testing.
2. If students exceed the amount provided for school lunch they must pay the excess used.
3. Planned cultural experiences that students participate in must be paid for by students.

**ADJUSTMENTS:**

Partners who work with the LHSAGM in specially created joint projects can always request a reduction in fees but must submit the justification for such in writing to **Mr. Mark Bahr, Head of Schools of the LHSAGM.** Partners who are responsible for pursuing joint projects and seek a reduced rate should list the items in a through f above and suggest why this portion of the Tuition Fee might be reduced.

If you have further questions regarding the Tuition Fee Structure of the International Component of the LHSAGM program, please feel free to email me at the address given below.

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